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SIACHEN GLACIER
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether army has started any special campaign to save the Siachen Glacier from waste and environmental destruction; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU)

(a) & (b): Waste management and protection of environment on the Glacier is a continuous process. As part of ongoing effort the following measures have been adopted:-

(i) Before induction, troops are educated about threat to the environment and the importance of waste management.

(ii) Wherever possible, waste material is retrieved for disposal outside the Glacier and at places where it is not possible, waste is collected and utilised in improving habitat.

(iii) Expeditions launched in this area are also given the task for collecting the waste on their way back.

Special efforts are being made for management of solid waste and human waste in the Glacier.